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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. [redacted] Executive Secretary
National Security Council

SUBJECT : Briefings of NSC Regarding CIA Operations
Under 5412/2.

1. It is recommended that hereafter the general annual review of CIA covert operations under NSC 5412/2 be presented to the Security Council by the Director of Central Intelligence sometime during the first two weeks of October, if practicable. The period recommended for review is the preceding year, from 1 October through 30 September.

2. Major reasons for this recommendation are:

a. That the date proposed for the presentation, i.e., early in October, comes at a time when a fairly complete breakdown and analysis of Agency expenditures during the preceding fiscal year is available for review. At the same time, the Agency's internal plans and budget for the coming fiscal year are in a sufficiently advanced stage of preparation to provide a firm basis for consideration by the Council if desired.

3. The foregoing recommendation relates only to a broad over-all briefing of the NSC on the subject of the Agency's covert programs. The Director of Central Intelligence will, in addition, submit interim reports concerning specific situations or operations of unusual significance as circumstances warrant or at the request of the Council.

4. The last general briefing of the NSC on the subject of 5412/2 operations was given by the Director of Central Intelligence

on 17 January 1957, and covered the period from 3 May (the date of the previous briefing) through December 1956. It is recommended that the next briefing shall cover the period 1 January 1957 through 30 September 1957, and shall be given in early October at a date to be agreed upon by the SEC and the Director of Central Intelligence.

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Director

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Remarks:

For comment per our conversation in
the Director's Office on 16 May.

I Concur in the attached
and have checked with
Ed Saunders who agrees
that October is best time
for budget point-of-view.
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